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Re: Microsoft Settlement

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My comments are made with regard to the proposed settlement in the *Microsoft* v. DOJ case.

I believe it would be improper to allow Microsoft to enter a settlement agreement that does not guarantee that future antitrust violations will be prevented. Microsoft has been adjudged to have violated antitrust laws. Its conduct was so pervasive that the original trial court judge determined that break-up was the only remedy. That decision, but not the decision that Microsoft violated antitrust laws, was reversed on appeal to the Court of Appeals. The case is now back before a new trial court judge following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to review the case. The purpose of the remand is to determine the proper sanctions to penalize Microsoft for past conduct and to prevent future violations.

This determination should be made by the court and not by the parties. I am informed that the proposed agreement contains critical provisions that do not go far enough or that place too much discretion into Microsoft's hands. Failure to impose proper and adequate sanctions will set an unfortunate precedent for future antitrust cases and will do little to resolve the issues in the Microsoft litigation.

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The court should resist the urge to adopt a settlement and hold hearings to make a proper determination.

Respectfully,

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cc: The Honorable Mark Shurtleff, Utah Attorney General